

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete application, include:

- Cover page
- Essay questions - *no names or identifying information on these pages*
- Proper signatures
- Best Phone Number to reach you
- Email Address

Submit to:

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce  
329 North Main Street, Suite 102  
Austin, MN 55912-0864

By: 3:30 pm December 14, 2018  
in the Chamber office,  
329 North Main (not postmarked).

### 8th Grade Scholarships

1st Place - \$500.00  
2nd Place - \$375.00  
3rd Place - \$250.00  
(2 Awards)  
4th Place - \$200.00  
(2 Awards)



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## APPLICATION PROCESS 8th Grade

- All applications received by the December 14th deadline will be reviewed, and 12 semi-finalists will be selected.
- All semi-finalists will be interviewed by our selection committee at the Chamber office between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2019.
- Six finalists will be chosen, and each will make a presentation on a topic of their choice to the selection committee between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Chamber office.
- One alternate will be chosen. If any of the finalists is unable to make a presentation on February 11, 2019, the alternate will be contacted to take their place.
- At each phase of the application process, the participant will be provided additional written information and instructions in advance.
- To be awarded an ACCESS Scholarship, a participant must complete all phases of the application process according to the schedule outlined above. No exceptions.
- Awards will be presented to all six finalists at the ACCESS Scholarship Banquet, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the Hormel Historic Home. Family members are encouraged to attend.

# ACCESS

## 8th Grade



Austin Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
Education Student Scholarship

**Austin Area Chamber  
of Commerce  
Business Education  
Partnership Committee**

**ACCESS  
Scholarship Guidelines**

- All scholarships will be paid in cash on the day of awards banquet.
- This application and accompanying supporting documents become the property of the ACCESS Scholarship Committee.
- This scholarship is available to all Austin public, private and home-schooled 8th graders regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, status with regards to public assistance, disability or handicap.

**This scholarship is not based  
on financial need.**

If you have questions, please contact the  
Austin Area Chamber of Commerce at  
437-4561.

**ACCESS**

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Education  
Student Scholarship Application

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Writing your application**

- Applications are judged on overall content, grammar, punctuation and spelling, expanse on topic, examples that justify point, originality, research base, neatness, layout and flow.
- Your entire application, including your responses to the 3 essay questions, must be typed and limited to no more than four (4) 8-1/2x11 pages, one side only. Copy on each sheet should be double-spaced in a 12-point font and include one-inch margins.

**Submitting your application**

- Provide one copy of your cover page and four copies of the essay portion of the application. Bind your application together with a paper clip.
- Applications must be in the Chamber office, 329 North Main (not postmarked) by 3:30 p.m. on December 14, 2018.

**COVER SHEET**

**The first sheet is your cover page and must contain only the following:**

- Name, grade, address, phone number, student signature with date, parents' or guardians' names, and your best email address.
- Anticipated course of study or career interest after high school.

**ESSAYS - Do not put your name or any identifying information on these pages.**

**Answer the following three essay questions:**

1. PERSONAL: Sparks refers to the intrinsic interests, talents, and passions you have that motivate you to learn, grow, and contribute. Describe what your spark is and why.
2. EDUCATION: What famous quote describes your educational experience thus far and why?
3. COMMUNITY: If you were to recreate Austin's motto/community identity, what would it be and why?